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For : ELECTRONIC BATTERY TESTER WITH PROBE LIGHT	Examiner: Edward H. Tso
Docket No.: C382.12-0169	

RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2005. In the Office Action, all pending claims 1-27 were rejected. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

On Page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bertness (US 6,316,914) in view of Applicant's own admitted prior art.

As indicated in the Office Action, the claimed invention, in general, requires integrating a probe light into a Kelvin connection of a battery tester. The Office Action first acknowledges that the cited prior art does not show this feature. However, it goes on to state that it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have integrated the light onto the testing probe.

A. The claimed invention is patentable because it eliminates a need, perceived by the prior art, for positioning a separate probe